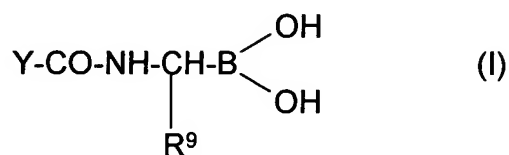


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt of a boronic acid of formula (I):



wherein

Y comprises a hydrophobic moiety which, together with the aminoboronic acid residue $\text{-NHCH(R}^9\text{)-B(OH)}_2$, has affinity for the substrate binding site of thrombin; and

R^9 is a straight chain alkyl group interrupted by one or more ether linkages and in which the total number of oxygen and carbon atoms is 3, 4, 5 or 6 or R^9 is $\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_m\text{-W}$ where m is from 2, 3, 4 or 5 and W is -OH or halogen.

Claim 2 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein R^9 is an alkoxyalkyl group.

Claim 3 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein YCO- comprises an amino acid residue which binds to the S2 subsite of thrombin, the amino acid residue being N-terminally linked to a moiety which binds the S3 subsite of thrombin.

Claim 4 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein Y comprises a dipeptide which binds to the S3 and S2 binding sites of thrombin.

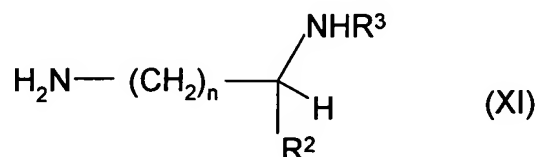
Claim 5 (original): The salt of claim 4 wherein the S3-binding amino acid residue is of (R)-configuration, the S2-binding residue is of (S)-configuration, and the fragment $\text{-NHCH(R}^9\text{)-B(OH)}$ is of (R)-configuration.

Claim 6 (original): The salt of claim 5 wherein R^9 is an alkoxyalkyl group.

Claim 7 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein the boronic acid has a K_i for thrombin of about 100 nM or less.

Claim 8 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein the salt comprises a salt of the boronic acid with metal or a strongly basic organic nitrogen-containing compound.

Claim 9 (original): The salt of claim 1 wherein the salt comprises a salt of the boronic acid with an alkali metal, an aminosugar, a guanidine or an amine of formula (XI):



where n is from 1 to 6, R^2 is H, carboxylate or derivatised carboxylate, R^3 is H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ alkyl or a residue of a natural or unnatural amino acid.

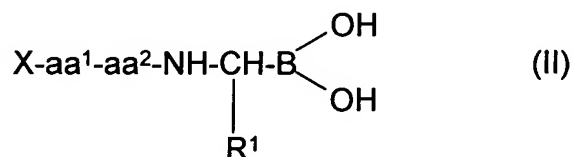
Claim 10 (original): The salt of claim 4 wherein the Y dipeptide is N-terminally protected or N-terminally unprotected, and the peptide linkages in the dipeptide are unsubstituted or independently N-substituted by a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{13}$ hydrocarbyl, wherein the $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{13}$ hydrocarbyl contains no heteratoms or at least one in-chain or in-ring nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, and the $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{13}$ hydrocarbyl is unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent selected from halo, hydroxy and trifluoromethyl.

Claim 11 (original): The salt of claim 1 which consists essentially of an acid salt in which one B-OH group of formula (I), when trigonally represented, remains protonated.

Claim 12 (original): The salt of claim 5 which comprises boronate ions derived from the peptide boronic acid and has a stoichiometry consistent with the boronate ions carrying a single negative charge.

Claim 13 (original): The salt of claim 6 which consists essentially of a monosodium or monolithium salt of the boronic acid.

Claim 14 (original): A pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt of a boronic acid of formula (II):



where:

X is H or an amino-protecting group;

aa¹ is an amino acid residue having a hydrocarbyl side chain containing no more than 20 carbon atoms and comprising at least one cyclic group having up to 13 carbon atoms;

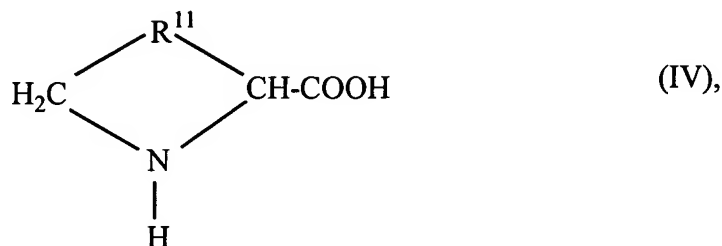
aa² is an imino acid residue having from 4 to 6 ring members;

R¹ is a group of the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{-Z}$, where s is 2, 3 or 4 and Z is $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OMe}$, $-\text{OEt}$ or halogen.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The salt of claim 14 wherein aa¹ is selected from Phe, Dpa and or wholly or partially hydrogenated analogues thereof.

Claim 16 (original): The salt of claim 15 wherein aa¹ is of R-configuration.

Claim 17 (original): The salt of claim 14 wherein aa² is a residue of an imino acid of formula (IV)



where R¹¹ is -CH₂-, -CH₂-CH₂-, -S-CH₂-, -S-C(CH₃)₂- or -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-, and, when the formula (IV) ring is 5- or 6- membered, the formula (IV) ring is unsubstituted or is substituted at one or more -CH₂- groups by from 1 to 3 C₁-C₃ alkyl groups.

Claim 18 (original): The salt of claim 17 wherein aa² is of S-configuration.

Claim 19 (original): The salt of claim 14, wherein aa¹-aa² is (R)-Phe-(S)-Pro and the fragment -NH-CH(R¹)-B(OH)₂ is of (R)-configuration.

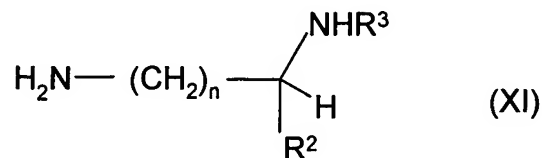
Claim 20 (currently amended): The salt of claim 15 wherein the boronic acid is of formula (VIII):

X-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂(VIII),

wherein X is R⁶-(CH₂)_p-C(O)-, R⁶-(CH₂)_p-S(O)₂-, R⁶-(CH₂)_p-NH-C(O)- or R⁶-(CH₂)_p-O-C(O)- wherein p is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and R⁶ is H or a 5 to 13-membered cyclic group which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from halogen; amino; nitro;

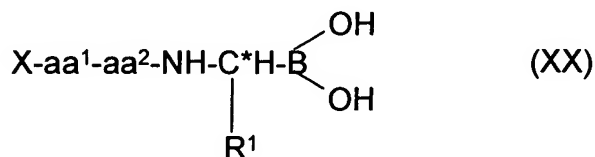
hydroxy; a C₅-C₆ cyclic group; C₁-C₄ alkyl ~~and~~ or C₁-C₄ alkyl containing, or linked to the cyclic group through, an in-chain O atom, the aforesaid alkyl groups optionally being substituted by a substituent selected from halogen, amino, nitro, hydroxy ~~and~~ or a C₅-C₆ cyclic group.

Claim 21 (original): The salt of claim 15 wherein the salt comprises a salt of the boronic acid with an alkali metal, an aminosugar or an amine of formula (XI):



where n is from 1 to 6, R² is H, carboxylate or derivatised carboxylate, R³ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl or a residue of a natural or unnatural amino acid.

Claim 22 (original): A pharmaceutical product comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a boronate salt which consists essentially of a single base addition salt of a boronic acid formula (XX):



where:

X is H or an amino-protecting group;

aa¹ is an amino acid residue of R-configuration having a hydrocarbyl side chain containing no more than 20 carbon atoms and comprising at least one cyclic group having up to 13 carbon atoms;

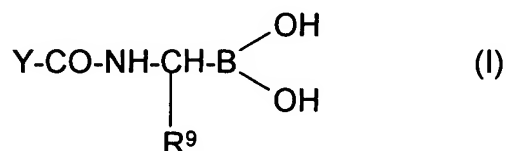
aa² is an imino acid residue of S-configuration having from 4 to 6 ring members;

C* is a chiral centre of R-configuration; and

R¹ is a group of the formula $-(CH_2)_s-Z$, where s is 2, 3 or 4 and Z is -OH, -OMe, -OEt or halogen.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical formulation adapted for oral administration, comprising

a) a first species selected from a boronic acid of formula (I), and or said boronic acid when in the form of boronate ions of said boronic acid and ,or equilibrium forms of said boronic acid and said boronate ions, or combinations thereof:



wherein

Y comprises a hydrophobic moiety which, together with the aminoboronic acid residue -NHCH(R⁹)-B(OH)₂, has affinity for the substrate binding site of thrombin; and

R⁹ is a straight chain alkyl group interrupted by one or more ether linkages and in which the total number of oxygen and carbon atoms is 3, 4, 5 or 6 or R⁹ is $-(CH_2)_m-W$ where m is from 2, 3, 4 or 5 and W is -OH or halogen; and

(b) a second, pharmaceutically acceptable, species selected from ~~pharmaceutically acceptable~~ metal ions, ~~said metal ions having a valency of n, lysine, arginine and~~

aminosugars and basic organic nitrogen containing compounds having a pK_b of about 7 or more,

~~wherein the formulation has an observed stoichiometry of first to second species essentially consistent with a notional stoichiometry of 1:1 when the second species is a metal ion with a valency of 1 or is lysine, arginine or an aminosugar, or an observed stoichiometry of n:1 when the second species is a metal ion with a valency of greater than 1.~~

Claim 24 (original): A method of inhibiting thrombin in the prophylaxis or therapy of disease, comprising orally administering to a mammal suffering from, or at risk of suffering from, thrombosis a therapeutically effective amount of the salt defined in claim 1.

Claim 25 (original): A method for preventing thrombosis in a haemodialysis circuit of a patient, for preventing a cardiovascular event in a patient with end stage renal disease, for preventing venous thromboembolic events in a patient receiving chemotherapy through an indwelling catheter, for preventing thromboembolic events in a patient undergoing a lower limb arterial reconstructive procedure, or for treating by way of therapy or prophylaxis an arterial disease selected from acute coronary syndromes, cerebrovascular thrombosis, peripheral arterial occlusion and arterial thrombosis resulting from atrial fibrillation, valvular heart disease, arterio-venous shunts, indwelling catheters or coronary stents, the method comprising orally administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of the salt defined in claim 16.

Claim 26 (original): An oral pharmaceutical formulation, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the salt of claim 1.

Claim 27 (original): A medicament adapted for oral administration and comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt of a boronic acid which is a selective thrombin inhibitor and has a neutral aminoboronic acid residue capable of binding to the thrombin S1 subsite linked through a peptide linkage to a hydrophobic moiety capable of binding to the thrombin S2 and S3 subsites, the salt comprising a cation having a

valency n and having an observed stoichiometry consistent with a notional stoichiometry (boronic acid:cation) of $n:1$.

Claim 28 (original): A medicament of claim 27 wherein the boronic acid has a K_i for thrombin of about 100 nM or less.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A method for making a salt of claim 1, comprising:
combining in a solvent diethanolamine and an ester of a boronic acid as defined in claim 1;
allowing or causing a precipitate to form and recovering the precipitate;
converting the precipitated material into the free organoboronic acid by contacting the precipitated material with an aqueous acid or base; and
reacting the organoboronic acid with a base of a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~multivalent metal~~ base to form to a salt as defined in claim 1.

Claim 30 (new): The salt of claim 1, wherein the salt is a metal salt.

Claim 31 (new): The salt of claim 1, wherein the salt is an alkali metal salt.

Claim 32 (new): The salt of claim 31, wherein the alkali metal salt is a sodium salt.

Claim 33 (new): The salt of claim 1, wherein the salt is an alkaline earth salt.

Claim 34 (new): The salt of claim 33, wherein the alkaline earth salt is a calcium salt.

Claim 35 (new): The salt of claim 20, wherein the salt is an alkaline earth salt.

Claim 36 (new): The salt of claim 35, wherein the alkaline earth salt is a calcium salt.

Claim 37 (new): The salt of claim 35, wherein the boronic acid is of the formula Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂.

Claim 38 (new): The salt of claim 37, wherein the salt is of the formula [Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)(O⁻)]₂Ca²⁺.